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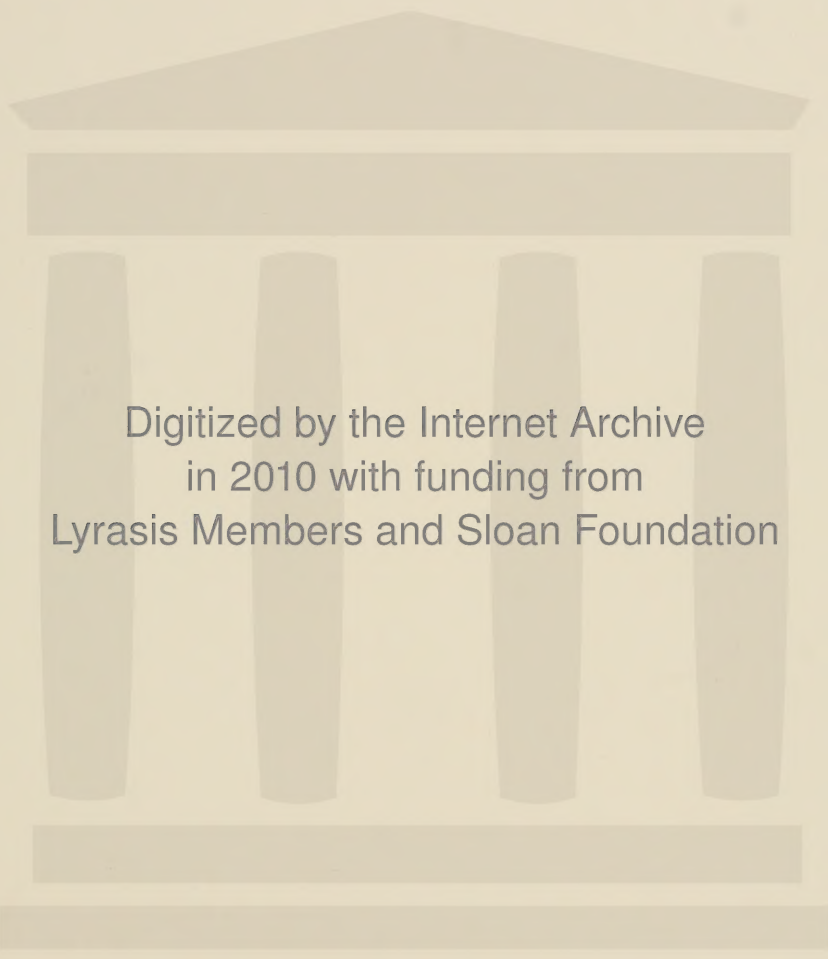
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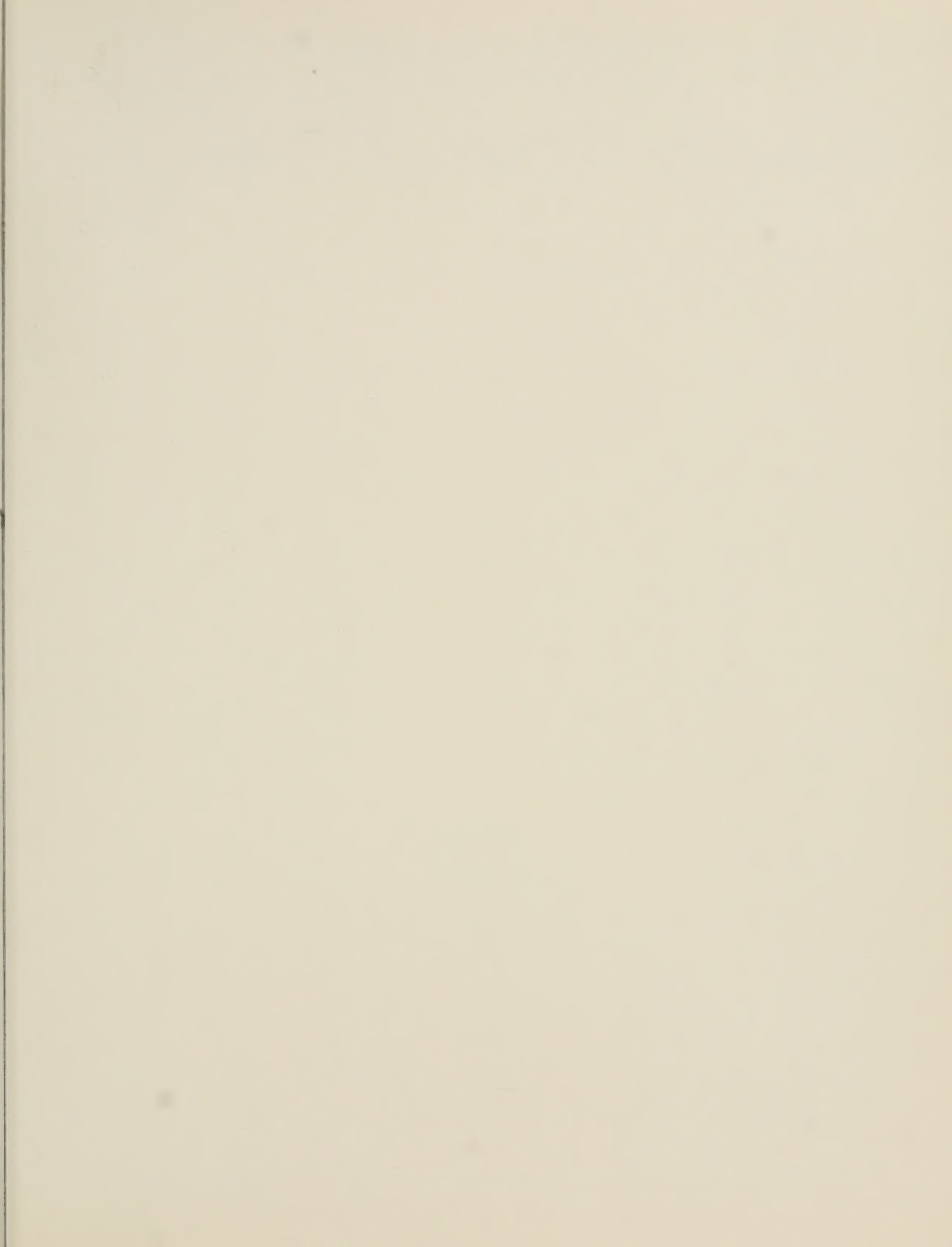
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## A \$500,000 Announcement



Television and press focused attention on positive campus news as James H. Thomason, Sr. (above center) announced an additional \$500,000 gift to Presbyterian College.

It brought his total contribution to \$750,000 in support of PC's proposed new library and electrified the 300 persons attending the statewide EXCEL campaign meeting in Columbia on March 27. Governor Robert E. McNair (right) and President Marc C. Weersing were among those present to honor Mr. and Mrs. Thomason for the greatest individual philanthropic endeavor in the history of the college.

The businessman-farmer of Laurens County and Stuart, Fla., last November gave PC \$250,000. Because he designated it toward the new

library, the trustees decided to name the planned facility the James H. Thomason, Sr., Library.

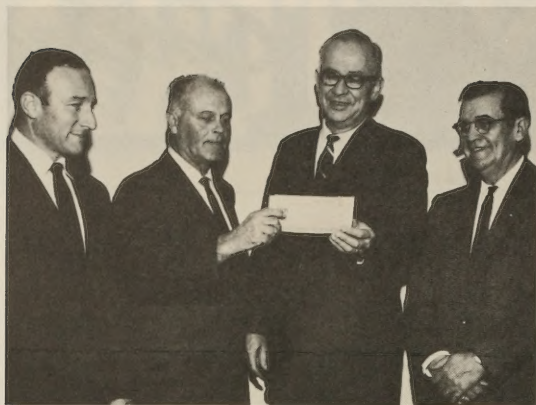
In making his second gift, the donor expressed the hope it would encourage others to share in his conviction of the College's worth and to share in its support. He said:

"During the past few years I have been conscious of the lack of gratitude, especially among young people. But I must say that some of the things that have been exposed to me at Presbyterian College have encouraged me to believe that PC stresses gratitude in its training. Recently I have gotten to know a few of the top leaders of the College, and I'm confident that

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## Check and Double Check



Three major gifts totaling \$40,000 have been made recently to the capital funds program: 1— J. P. Stevens Co., Inc., officials present a \$25,000 gift to the proposed physical education center, given through the textile corporation's Watts Plant of Laurens. From the left are: G. S. Tompkins, Jr., of Greenville, manager of the Monaghan and Watts plant; John Wells Todd '38 of Laurens, general superintendent of the Watts plant, presenting the check to President Weersing; and C. L. Tidwell of Greenville, general manager of the Dunean Group of plants. 2— The Walter Regnery Memorial Scholarship, honoring the late textile manufacturer of Newberry and Joanna, is established with this \$10,000 check presented to Dr. Weersing by son W. C. "Kit" Regnery '67, in the presence of Mrs. Walter

## '69 Program Seeks Annual Giving's One Millionth Dollar

Annual Giving's one millionth dollar!

That's the goal of the Presbyterian College program, which seeks to raise \$150,000 again this year to bring Annual Giving's 11-year total to just over \$1 million.

After the program produced \$153,138 in 1968, the grand total raised through this source since its inauguration in 1959 stands at \$852,039. The cumulative \$1 million figure can be reached, if alumni and friends respond as they did last year.

This program, seeking funds primarily for current operations, is separate from PC's EXCEL campaign now soliciting support for major building and endowment purposes. Both programs are vital to the continued progress of the college.

### High Schoolers Win Grants

Six young high school scholars from South Carolina and four from Georgia are among the ten students to win the coveted Founder's Scholarships to enter PC next fall.

The 1969 awards, with grants ranging up to \$7,600 for the four years of study at PC, go to:

Susan Phillips of Cheraw; Patricia Hunt of Pickens; Janet Harrison of Greenville; Richard Mathis of New Ellenton; William Gray of North Augusta; William Halligan of Spartanburg; Cynthia Blanton of College Park, Ga.; Diane Waters of Jesup, Ga.; Mary Genrich of Tucker, Ga.; and Charles McCullough of Atlanta.

Annual Giving has soared at Presbyterian College in recent years, moving from the initial \$38,644 raised in 1959 and establishing new record highs during each of the past six years. Alumni have provided the main share of this support and have received national recognition from the American Alumni Council as leaders in this field.

### Certifying Physical Education

A program leading to certification to teach secondary school health and physical education will be offered next fall by the College's revamped physical education curriculum.

The faculty academic advisory committee has given approval to the course changes needed to meet state certification requirements. It also has named Herbert J. Robinson to serve as coordinator of the program, in addition to his duties as head basketball coach. Robinson, who joined the PC faculty last fall as coach and physical education instructor, holds his BA degree from Erskine and his MA from Appalachian State University.

He said the new program will enable students to acquire 18 hours in prescribed PE work, with the remaining 126 hours for a degree coming from general education requirements, the major requirements of the concentration area and the professional education preparation.



## \$40,000 in Grants



Regnery and J. B. Hart, vice-president and treasurer of the Joanna Foundation. 3— A \$5,000 donation came from Greenwood Mills through its Joanna Plant as delivered here by L. W. McClain, group manager of the Joanna Plant. Looking on is George H. Cornelson, vice-president of Clinton Mills and leader in the Laurens County drive for Presbyterian College.

## Nixon to Direct Admissions

Joe Nixon has been appointed director of admissions to succeed Col. A. J. Thackston, retiring this summer as both student dean and admissions director. In separating the responsibilities of the office, PC earlier had announced the appointment of Tom Stallworth to become the new dean of students.

Nixon moves onto the administrative staff after four years as assistant football and head track coach. He has been replaced in the athletic department by Robert Strock, an Erskine graduate with a successful coaching record at Walterboro (SC) High School.

A Carrollton, Ga., native and 1963 PC graduate, Nixon returned to PC to coach in 1965 after two years of Army service. He is now a deacon in the Clinton First Presbyterian Church, and his family includes wife Mica and a young daughter.

The new admissions director is getting oriented in the work this spring in preparation for assuming full duties in July.

Robinson

Nixon

Fraser



## \$500,000 ANNOUNCEMENT *continued*

PC is looking forward and is an institution that will turn out men and women trained for family living, trained to aid in industry and trained to take part in American life in general."

James H. Thomason exemplifies the American dream of achievement through diligence and hard work. Born in the Trinity section of Laurens County, he took a course at Cleveland's Pratt and Noble Automobile School in the 1916 pioneer days of the automobile. This led to a General Motors agency in Laurens and Greenville, S. C. He then applied his native business acumen to the securities market, and, by close observation of the national economy and the pattern of stock groups, succeeded with investments through the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

## EXCEL Drive Approaches \$2 Million

Thomason requested that his additional \$500,000 gift count toward the broad \$5 million goal needed for the new library, physical education center, infirmary and endowment additions. As of May 1, subscriptions stood at \$1,976,197.

Within this broad objective is the South Carolina Synod-designated goal of \$2 million. By not counting the second Thomason gift here, the church phase came to \$1,476,197. Most of the special gifts work is completed, but many of the individual churches have not yet indicated their participation.

## Fraser Heads to King College

Powell A. Fraser, director of development at PC for the past five years, will leave in mid-June to become president of King College, Bristol, Tenn.

He will succeed Thomas M. Divine, who had served as acting president of King since the retirement of Dr. R. T. L. Liston last year.

A PC alumnus with BA degree in 1941, Fraser joined the PC staff in 1964 after 23 years of US Army service, during which time he rose to the rank of colonel. He had an outstanding career as a highly decorated combat officer in World War II and thereafter as an officer influential in the educational and religious affairs of the Army. During this time the Brunswick, Ga., native served for four years (1949-50) as professor of military science at PC. He also attended various Army schools and earned his MA from George Washington University.

Since returning to the College, Fraser has contributed much to its recent progress through his direction of the development program. Because he is a Presbyterian elder active in the work of Synod and General Assembly, he will find familiar surroundings at King College.



As record 145 graduate . . .

## Governor McNair to Speak At PC's 89th Commencement

Presbyterian's 89th commencement will be a full occasion for South Carolina Governor Robert E. McNair.

He will deliver the commencement address, accept an honorary degree and then watch his son receive one of the 145 baccalaureate degrees—all during the afternoon of May 18 in Belk Auditorium.

Besides the doctor of humanities degree to McNair, the College will bestow an honorary doctor of laws upon alumnus John Osman of Washington's Brookings Institution, and doctor of divinity degrees upon the Rev. Charles Robert Tapp, executive director of the Presbyterian Home in Summerville, S. C., and the Rev. Max Milligan, Jr., pastor of the Claremont Presbyterian Church of Decatur.

Commencement activity begins with the 11 a.m. baccalaureate sermon, preached this year by Dr. Joseph M. Gettys, professor of religion here and retiring academic dean. The mid-day luncheon for seniors and their guests in Greenville Hall will be followed by the

president's reception at 2:30 and the 3:30 p.m. pre-commissioning ceremonies for 39 ROTC cadets.

PC President Marc C. Weersing will preside over the final exercises starting at 4:15 p.m. Degrees, student honors and army commissions will be awarded at this time, with Trustee Chairman Eugene T. Wilson, pastor emeritus of Atlanta's Peachtree Presbyterian Church, presenting degrees.

The 145 seniors scheduled to graduate on this occasion represent the largest graduating class in the history of Presbyterian College. They outnumber the 136 of last year, and they also include the largest number of women graduates, 29.

The governor's son, Robert E., Jr., who has been majoring in English for four years at PC, will receive his BA degree.

Governor McNair recently completed his fourth year in office, having moved up from lieutenant-governor in 1965, upon the resignation of Donald S. Russell. He was elected to a full four-year term in 1966.

His years as chief executive have been marked by special emphasis on public school and higher education. His interest in this area was recognized by the fact that the National Governors' Conference named him chairman of its education committee. Last summer he became chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board.

John Osman, a 1933 PC graduate, is a member of the senior staff of the Brookings Institution and an authority on comparative urbanization. He previously served as vice-president of the Ford Foundation Fund for Adult Education.

Bob Tapp has directed the Presbyterian Home of South Carolina since 1956. Earlier, he held pastorates in Charlotte, Summerville, S. C., and Seneca, S. C. In 1965 he was elected moderator of the Synod of South Carolina.

Max Milligan, Jr., has been pastor of Decatur's Clairmont Presbyterian Church since 1953. Prior to that he filled the pulpit at Andalusia, Ala.



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